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SUBJECT: CCD: OPENING STATEMENT MADE BY U.S. REPRESENTA-
TIVE, JULY 11, 1978

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY U.S. REP,
AMBASSADOR FISHER, AT THE OPENING PLENARY MEETING OF THE
1978 SUMMER SESSION OF THE CCD, JULY 11.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN:

LOOKING AROUND THIS ROOM AT FACES THAT I LAST SAW IN
THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING, JULY 1, AS THE FIRST
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO DISARMAMENT WAS CONCLUDING, I AM
STRUCK PARTICULARLY BY THE REALIZATION OF ALL THAT REMAINS
STILL TO BE DONE IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. THE
REALIZATION OF THE IMMENSITY OF THE TASK BEFORE US AND THE
NEED TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVISING SOLUTIONS TO
THE MANY PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA WHICH WE NOW FACE AND WILL
FACE TOOK US TO THE SPECIAL SESSION IN NEW YORK. IT IS

THE SAME REALIZATION THAT BROUGHT US BACK TO GENEVA TO CONTINUE THE TASK BEFORE US.

THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. I SPEAK, OF COURSE, OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT WHICH RELATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY. IN ITS FINAL DOCUMENT, THE SSOD AGREED, IN THE SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH OF PARAGRAPH 113, THAT "THERE IS ... AN URGENT NEED THAT EXISTING DISARMAMENT MACHINERY BE REVITALIZED AND FORUMS APPROPRIATELY CONSTITUTED FOR DISARMAMENT DELIBERATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH A BETTER REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER."

WITH REGARD TO THE CONVENING OF SUCH A FORUM, THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE CD WOULD BE OPEN TO THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, THE TWENTY-SEVEN NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, AND FIVE TO EIGHT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE THIRTY-SECOND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS TO DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN, BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN VARIOUS CAPITALS. MY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, WILL SEEK TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS.

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IN A FEW MONTHS, "NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1979," WE SHALL MEET HERE WITH FRANCE AND FIVE TO EIGHT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. MEMBERSHIP IN THAT COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE UNITED STATES IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE HELPFUL ROLE PLAYED BY FRANCE IN THE DELIBERATIONS ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. THE U.S. IS ALSO VERY PLEASED THAT A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT MOJSOV, THAT THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT CCD THAT WISHED TO PARTICIPATE.

THE SPECIAL SESSION IS NOW BEHIND US. STILL BEFORE US, HOWEVER, ARE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT. WHILE IN SOME INSTANCES MY GOVERNMENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FORMULATIONS -- AND THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL IN ANY CONSENSUS DOCUMENT -- THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN THE CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARDS BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES. THE PROGRAM OF ACTION

REAFFIRMED THE PRIORITIES IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH THE CCD ITSELF HAS IDENTIFIED, I.E., NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT; THE PROHIBITION OF OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH INCLUDES CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS; THE LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS; AND THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES. IT FURTHER STATED THAT "NOTHING SHOULD PRECLUDE STATES FROM CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL PRIORITY ITEMS CONCURRENTLY."

AS ALL OF YOU ARE WELL AWARE, NEGOTIATIONS ON A NUMBER OF THESE PRIORITY ISSUES ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY. THE TRILATERAL WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT

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CONTINUES HERE IN GENEVA. AS WE HAVE STATED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF VERIFICATION WHICH WILL PROMOTE STABILITY AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IN A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING IS AN EXCEEDINGLY DETAILED AND TECHNICALLY COMPLEX PROCESS. STEADY PROGRESS CONTINUES TO BE MADE, HOWEVER, AND WE SHALL REPORT AS SOON AS AGREEMENT ON THE REMAINING UNRESOLVED ISSUES HAS BEEN REACHED. IN THE AREA OF OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE

PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND A RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION CONTINUE. THE EXPERTS TO THESE TALKS ARE CURRENTLY IN CAPITALS FOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT IT IS PLANNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON BOTH THESE ISSUES WILL RESUME LATER THIS SUMMER.

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THE SPECIAL SESSION ALSO AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTIAL MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FINAL DOCUMENT INCLUDED A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT UNDERTAKE THE ELABORATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ON DISARMAMENT "ENCOMPASSING ALL MEASURES THOUGHT TO BE ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL BECOMES A REALITY." THE CCD HAS ALREADY BEGUN THIS TASK BY COMPILING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO FACILITATE FUTURE WORK ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM.

AS WE BEGIN THIS SUMMER SESSION, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE OF THE CCD WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WILL CONTINUE THE WORK BEGUN BY THIS BODY AND WILL UNDERTAKE WORK ON SOME OF THE OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES WHICH LIKewise DEMAND URGENT ATTENTION. WHATEVER WE DO THIS SESSION, OUR EFFORTS SHOULD BE AIMED AT FACILITATING THE FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT AND THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT. END TEXT.
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